

Testimony of

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Good afternoon, Senator McCrory, Representative Currey, Senator Berthel, Representative McCarty, and members of the Education Committee.

I testify today in support of House Bill 6884. This bill takes important steps toward addressing the educator shortage in Connecticut, showing educators that theirs is a respected profession, and ensuring that our classrooms and schools can provide the best possible education for our students.

I have been a special education teacher in my district for 37 years and I want to teach. However, the extraordinary impact of remote and hybrid teaching on teachers, as well as, the never ending demands of special education meetings, parent / advocate adversaries, and CT-SEDS has made me seriously consider retiring. This bill is important!

Thank you for your time and consideration.

